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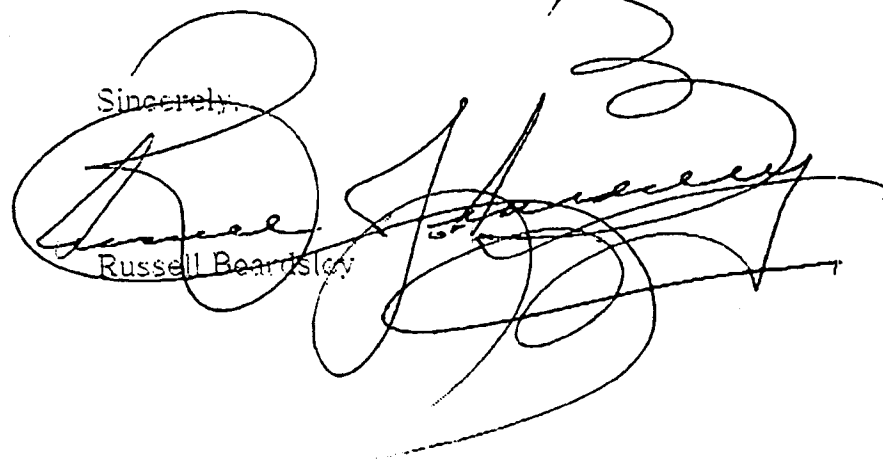
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a supporter of Microsoft, I write to you with appreciation of the settlement that has been reached in the antitrust battle between this company, and the Department of Justice. After three years of negotiating, it seems that all voices have been heard, and the agreement is beneficial to all involved.

During this time of strained economy, it is evident that we need to support our industry, and let business get back to business. The stage has been set for the competitive process to take hold, and it is time to let the IT sector get back to work. Our Technology Industry needs our support so that it may continue to hold its position in the world marketplace. By further reviewing the terms of the agreement, we delay the process even longer.

Why should we use our precious resources on an issue that is been over-discussed? Thank you for letting us support our technology industry, and our economy as a whole, by making sure that no more legal action is taken against Microsoft.

Sincerely,


Russell Beardley